



MINUTES

Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Tuesday, 20 May 2025

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting
Held in the Pleasant Point Town Hall
on Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 7:00 pm**

- Present:** Raewyn Hessel (Chairperson), Ross Munro (Deputy Chairperson), Anna Lyon, Michael Thomas, Scott Shannon
- In Attendance:** Stephen Doran (Group Manager Corporate and Communications), Rosie Oliver (Development Officer), Claire Copeland (Group Coordinator Environmental Services - *Minutes*).
- Public attendees:** Georgina Greenwood and Stewart Frew (Local Residents and Representatives of Pleasant Point Railway).

Meeting commenced at 7pm

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2025/215

Moved: Raewyn Hessel
Seconded: Clr Scott Shannon

That the apologies of Clr Peter Burt, Clr Michelle Pye Kathleen Wilkins and Mayor Nigel Bowen, be received and accepted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

Pleasant Point Railway – 150 Year Anniversary

Georgina Greenwood of the Pleasant Point Railway spoke about the plan to celebrate that the train station has been here and operating for the 150 years, this event is planned for **21 September 2025** which is the Sunday of South Canterbury anniversary weekend. The intention is to run a steaming day and a night train, this will be coordinated this alongside a refresh of the displays in the station, this refresh will commence in the coming week.

Georgina extended an invitation to the PPCB and the community to get behind the event, offer support and “piggy back” and come join in with them. Mayor Nigel Bowen and local MP James Meager have both accepted an invitation to attend, there will be a cake cutting on the platform, there will be the old station master and the kiwi who depict characters from the kiwi engine and friends books that were written locally. A vintage car display, live music and the SC drama league will be dressed in costume and doing some improv.

Pleasant Point Railway Operations

Stewart Frew local resident and President of the Pleasant Point Railway, extended an invitation to the Pleasant Point Community Board (PPCB) and Council Elected members to attend any of their monthly meetings which take place on 2nd Tuesday of the month. He went on to say there has been quite a change to the railway operations over the last 3-4 years, with Grand Pacific Tourism bringing 33 bus loads of overseas tourists to the town in the past year to enjoy a rail experience (and a lunch). Along with other companies there has been some 800 visitors brought to Pleasant Point, those experiences are being shared with friends and family and helping to put Pleasant Point on the on the world map. There is the opportunity to bring an additional 25 bus loads of 40 visitors to Pleasant Point through tourism provider 'Green Leaf' from September to December and February to May totalling 1000 visitors to the area.

Unfortunately there is a lack of qualified steam train drivers available to accommodate the Wednesday and Friday morning visit times so the Pleasant Point Railway is reaching out to the PPCB and the public to find expressions of interest of people available at those times (as a volunteer) to learning this skill. The minimum requirement is a car drivers licence, full Training would be provided by Darryn McLeod who is the assessor for the South Island and a member of the Pleasant Point Railway.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

- Update on the progress of the George Street, Dump station.

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

- Pleasant Point flood of 40 years
- Pleasant Point Primary Fundraiser Ball
- Discuss the new fence on the main road by the domain (update)

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Elected Member Update

6.1 Elected Member Update, Scott Shannon

Attended Council, Committee, Subcommittee Meetings and Workshops including: Pleasant Point Community Board meeting, LWDW workshop, People & Performance workshop, Theatre Royal/Museum and Stadium workshops, Sister Cities Subcommittee meeting, Freedom Camping Bylaw and Waste workshops, Citizenship ceremony, Council meeting, Temuka Community Board strategic framework meeting, Annual Plan drop-in sessions in Temuka and Pleasant Point.

Miscellaneous meetings, functions and events including: ANZAC Commemorative Service at Timaru Boys' High, wreath laying at Temuka Domain Dawn Service and Timaru Civic Service, AD Hally Trust meeting, and South Canterbury Sports Awards.

Projects

The hot topic has been the Theatre Royal/Museum Steering Group & Stadium workshops followed by Council's resolution, where the budget was reaffirmed and approval was given to

move forward with the projects and engage with contractors (the intention is to use local business's where possible). The design of the Theatre Royal was described as an entertainment precinct. Action: To share the most recent concept designs with the Pleasant Point Community Board committee members.

Annual Plan

The Annual Plan and related information is out for consultation, which closes on Friday 23 May 2025 at 5pm, it proposes an average of a 9% rate increase.

Local Water Done Well (LWDW)

The information for LWDW is out for submissions and Clr Shannon spoke to the importance of the decision and how it will change the landscape around the supplying of water permanently.

Resolution 2025/216

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Anna Lyon

That the Elected members report be taken as read and be accepted.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 15 April 2025

Resolution 2025/217

Moved: Raewyn Hessel

Seconded: Clr Scott Shannon

That the Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 15 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

8 Schedules of Functions Attended

8.1 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson

Resolution 2025/218

Moved: Raewyn Hessel

Seconded: Clr Scott Shannon

That the Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson be received and noted.

Carried

9 Reports

9.1 Actions Register Update

The purpose of this report is to provide the Pleasant Point Community Board with an update on the status of the action requests raised by Community Board Members at previous meetings.

Review of Lighting at Manse Road Subdivision - *Action:* The Pleasant Point Community Board has requested a clearer understanding of the process involved in delivering lighting and footpath infrastructure to the Manse Road subdivision. Specifically, the Board seeks a step-by-step overview of the process to date, clarification on the allocation of costs (i.e., who is responsible for funding each component), and a copy of the proposed plan-estimated at approximately \$90,000 that has been submitted as part of the Annual Plan. The Board also requests that the plan include the precise locations of the proposed lighting installations.

Main Street Garden Bed Funding - TDC Officer met with the Chair on Monday 5 May to discuss the Community Board concern about the planting. The Parks Unit is going to review and come up with alternative plant selection to improve the situation, which is still pending.

Report on the Properties owned by Council in the Pleasant Point Ward – The piece of land owned by the PP Ward just as you go into the walkway off Te Ngawai Road (next to the creek), it is overgrown and very unsightly. *Action:* Update on what is happening with this piece of land to tidy it up.

Gravel Road Grading – *Action:* Chairperson to go back to Land Transport Manager with more information on the exact location.

Cave Domain land & Cave Church – Resolved remove from the actions list.

Resolution 2025/219

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Raewyn Hessel

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receives and notes the updates to the Actions Register.

Carried

9.2 Tabling of Annual Plan and Local Water Done Well Consultation Document

To table the consultation documents for the Annual Report and Local Water Done well to enable Community Board Submissions on both consultations.

Annual Plan – The Local Government Act 2002 (section 95(5)) requires Council to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan each financial year, much of the Annual Plan 2025/26 represents Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 (LTP).

While many of the projects in Year 2 of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024-34 were consulted on during its development, changes to Council's water services delivery model is considered significant in regards to community interest, impact on Councils capability and capacity, cost to council and impact on ratepayers and potential changes to the control of a Strategic Asset. Therefore It is officers' recommendation to Council to undertake some form of consultation with the community on specific issues.

From a rates perspective the average rates increase has been set at 9%.

There has also been a proposal to raise most fees and charges by 10% unless they are set by legislation.

There are no current proposals to amend the targeted rate for Pleasant Point Community Board, which is currently set at \$6.00.

Action: The board were encouraged to review the annual plan and make a submission.

Local Water Done Well

The Water Services Preliminary Arrangements Act 2024, enacted on 2 September 2024, sets out the new requirements for water services delivery in New Zealand and requires councils to submit a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) by 3 September 2025.

Timaru District Council has been investigating various models to present for implementation, including an in-house model, a standalone CCO and a multi-council CCO with similar councils. Consultants were engaged to develop the options assessment and provided modelling of future costs associated with the options that have been included in the consultation document. It was also confirmed that legislation confirms that the asset and not be privatised.

The importance of this decision and its long term ramifications of it were discussed along with the way we currently pay for water (in our rates). It was asked how this would affect the downlands water supply which is currently controlled by three councils if they are all part of a CCO then it would not be an issue but more complex if not all entities enter into the CCO (which would be a future discussion), however not a lot would change for end users. There is a drop in evening planned for Pleasant Point to discuss the consultation with locals.

Action: It was agreed that the PPCB members would personally draft submissions on Local Water Done Well and send their thoughts to the Chairperson who would draft a submission (for review by the board) on behalf of the PPCB.

Resolution 2025/220

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Ross Munro

That the Pleasant Point Community Board:

1. Receive and note the Annual Plan Consultation Document and the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document.
2. Notes that the consultation period for the Annual Plan Closes at 5pm on Friday 23 May 2025.
3. Notes that the consultation period for Local Water Done Well close at 5pm on Friday 6 June 2025.

Carried

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**10.1 George Street, Dump station**

Update on the progress of the George Street, Dump station, the information that has been provided by the TDC Water Services Technician, has been sent out to members for consideration and feedback. There were some questions about signage, what the costs will be and where they will be placed (eg in the domain and key places). Further to this have we undertaken stakeholder engagement, with those who live and have businesses close to dump station and those that will use it, visitors to the area, the caravan association and the community as a whole.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**11.1 Pleasant Point flood of 40 years (13 March 1986)**

The Chairperson has spoken to John Cross about the Point flood of 40 years which resulted in evacuation, they have would like to hold an event involving the FENZ, St Johns, ECan, CDEM, Armed forces, Opuia Dam representatives, Community Board and all that were involved in the huge event in the township by having the siren set off at 11:15am on Friday 13 March 2026, a photo display in the town hall (could we wave the cost?) a morning tea, the AF8 presentation, the Pleasant Point Train running, displays down the road and a happy hour. They have enquired about closing the road from Halstead Road to the fire station (this would now incur a cost and would have to be considered as part of the funding and a separate application made to grant the closure). The options for funding events is to be shared with the applicant, there are Timaru District Council and Pleasant Point Community Board Grants that can be applied for.

11.2 Pleasant Point Primary Fundraiser Ball

Pleasant Point Primary school has been in contact with the Chairperson, about a fundraiser ball, they have booked the town hall which will cost \$80, they have asked if they can get this at a reduced rate for a local fundraiser, there is a band arranged at a cost of \$1,900

11.3 Discuss the new fence on the main road by the domain (update)

There has been a new fence constructed by the domain all the way down to the substation, which has caused some complaints from locals and the community board were also not aware of it. The feedback has been that due to financial constraints from TDC we are experiencing reduced services and there is a rate increase pending, yet we have constructed a fence without consultation or apparent need.

12 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

12.1 Pleasant Point Railway - 150 year Anniversary

Provide the Pleasant Point Railway - Timaru District Council and Pleasant Point Community Board grant application forms, so it can be considered.

13 Exclusion of the Public

Resolution 2025/221

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Ross Munro

That at 8.05pm the public be excluded from—

- the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

14.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 15 April 2025

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
<p>14.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 15 April 2025</p> <p>Matters dealt with in these minutes:</p> <p>14.1 - Pleasant Point Community Board Targeted Rate Application: Pleasant Point Promotions Committee - Supporting Documentation</p>	<p>Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</p>	<p>The public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2025 are considered confidential pursuant to the provisions of the LGOIMA Act of 1987.</p> <p>The specific provisions of the Act that relate to these minutes can be found in the open minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2025.</p>

Carried

14 Public Excluded Reports

14.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 15 April 2025

14.1 Pleasant Point Community Board Targeted Rate Application: Pleasant Point Promotions Committee - Supporting Documentation

15 Readmittance of the Public

Resolution 2025/222

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Michael Thomas

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 8.06pm

Carried

The Meeting closed at 8:07pm

Minutes confirmed 01 July 2025.



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Raewyn Hessel

Chairperson